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REMARKS

A review of the claims indicates that:

- A) Claims 1—37 are currently cancelled.
- B) Claims 38—58 are new.

The Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the new claims.

Claim cancellations

In the interests of promoting prosecution of this application, the Applicant has cancelled a number of claims. This is not to be construed as a reflection of the Applicant's opinion on the allowability of any of the subject matter contained in these claims. Rather, the cancellations reflect the need to limit the Applicant's burden in further prosecuting this case.

New Claims

The Applicant has added a number of new claims to the application. The new claims are based in part on the allowed claims of the parent case, now U.S. Patent Number 6,790,514. The Applicant believes that the new claims are in allowable condition, and would welcome the opportunity to speak with the Examiner to resolve any remaining issues that may be present.

Conclusion

The Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowability be issued. If the Office's next anticipated action is not the issuance of a Notice of Allowability, the

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